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**BUT A  
DOORWAY**

Luke 6:27-38

# **STOCKBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# PREPARE YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING WORSHIP

† You are invited to stand, as you are able, when you see this symbol

## SETTING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Come, Thou Almighty King

Mark Hayes

## PRELUDE

## CHIMING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Gatling

One: We come to worship today determined to follow the Christ

**All: who calls us to a new understanding of fishing.**

One: We come to worship with open hearts and minds

**All: and a soul ablaze for justice and equality.**

One: We come to meet God and each other.

**All: Let us worship in love and understanding.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

† HYMN OF PRAISE #600 In Christ There Is No East or West

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, forgive us. Forgive us for the times we did not speak up for the paralyzed, marginalized, or disenfranchised. Forgive us for not trying harder to help our friends see you. Forgive us when we have been in the crowds, yet too self-consumed to notice the miracles in front of us. Reorient us, O God, and direct the compass of our souls toward you. May we be the type of friends to carry each other to wholeness and may we be alert to the goodness in our midst every day. In the name of your Son, (time of silent personal confession).**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends in Christ, believe the Good News! There is nothing we have done, will do, or have left undone that will ever separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: We are forgiven and we are restored. May this promise motivate us and give us deep peace, Amen.**

† **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

**PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD**

**TIME WITH YOUNGER CHURCH**

Stephanie Philips-Ayoola

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 6:27-38

**SERMON**

Not A Door Mat...But A Door-Way

Rev. Kristy Ray

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#596 Help Us Accept Each Other

tune : Aurelia (The Church's One Foundation)

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**ANTHEM**

Just When We Truly Needed Peace

Mary Kay Beall

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God above, ye heavenly host

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Refrain: #489

Lord, listen to Your children praying Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

† **HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP**

#574 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

† **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Take My Life and Let It Be

Henri C. Malan

# REMEMBERING THE PAST--HOPING FOR THE FUTURE HISTORY OF BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Black Church has always been a place that is more than a worship community. It is the heartbeat of the community. It is the information center. It has been where the people were able to share their burdens, learn about ways to grow in body, mind, and soul. (from Otis Smith) When the opposition thought that if they burned down the Black church they could destroy the movement (civil rights). They discovered what you and I know, that the building is where the Black Church gathers.

We are who we are and where we are because of the Black Church.

## PRESENT:

Still a heartbeat of the black community. A place that has been where voting registration, voting ride-share, voting rights and a place to help those who have been incarcerated are able to heal their soul and to learn how to adjust to live after prison.

## HOPEFUL PRAYER:

That we continue to lift up and learn from the black church and those who are leaders speaking up. Listen to William Barber of the Poor People's Campaign or Otis Moss III, Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Latasha Morrison, and many more who are today's leaders who have a pulse on the needs of the community.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SPC

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 9AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:20

WIRED WORD WITH AARON ROBERTS  
(IN PERSON AND ONLINE)

THROUGH THE BIBLE WITH JEFFREY COCHRAN

**MARCH 5TH: ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 7PM  
ASHES TO GO: 11:30-1:30**

**MARCH 9TH: HUNGER WALK AFTER CHURCH.  
WALK STARTS AT 2PM. COST \$35  
SIGN UP WITH BETSY OR PAUL FOR OUR TEAM  
FUNDS GO TO FOOD PROGRAMS**

**MARCH 16TH: BRUNCH CHURCH**

**SAT. MARCH 29TH  
GET AT GROUP TO SEE SCREWTAPE LETTERS  
COST IS BETWEEN \$70-\$90  
THOSE UNDER 30 THE COST IS \$30  
TALK TO PASTOR KRISTY OR BETSY BY  
MARCH 13TH**

### PRAYER LIST:

Members: Joyce Andrews, Joel Bryant, Jean Bunker, Edna Fisher, Carolyn Francis, Lee Hart, Faith Heffernan, Jason & Phyllis Howard, Bob Johnson, Thelma Newsome, Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola, Sue Rogers & Family, Jane Rutledge, Judy Simmons, Sally Smith, Pat Stanley, Lin Gailey and family, Sandra Martin, Cathy Wegner, Collette Shedd, Jim Beisner.

Friends & Family: David Ayoola, Lynne Barbagello, Lynnette Branch, Bill Cadwallader, Larry Clark, Ms. Crenshaw, Rev. Hugh and Becky Davis, Ken Day, Mr. Fenlon, Linda Leonard, Marida Lin, Marlene McClean, Betty Pickren, Kendall Phillips, Mark Stanley, Loan & Jack Szeto, Junior White, Annette Johnson Wickus, Betty Gailey, Karl Kesler (Shannon Huggins father), Barry Brock (Cathy Wegner's family), Emily Buttrell, Isiah Phillips (Stephanie's son), Holcomb family's daughter (friends of Ingrams), Ned Isaacson (friend of Linda Roberts), Melissa & Thomas Gilbert (Stephanie's sister), Tammy Nettles (friend of Suzie P), Nita Scippio, Mike Schulz, Julie & Tim Rogers-Martin, Diane Ray

Bereavement: Ward Gailey (1/13/25)

REV. KRISTY RAY, PASTOR  
FEBRUARY HEAD ELDER: BETSY SIERRA  
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: KELLI AUTREY

MINISTERS: EVERYONE  
ANDREA EMMEL, MUSIC DIRECTOR